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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

CANDLES IN THE STORE Vendors hang candles for sale in time for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Filipinos remember their departed loved ones by visiting their graves on Nov. 1 and 2, and lighting candles to honor their memory.

Joc-joc arrested at airport

Windfall tax eyed to force cut in oil price

CONGRESS MAY HAVE TO TAKE MEASURES like imposing a tax on windfall profits of oil companies to force them to bring down their prices, Speaker Prospero Nograles said yesterday.

Nograles said he would consult with key leaders of the Senate to come up with a plan that would result in the release of oil prices proportionate to the continued plunge in crude oil prices. (See details on Page A22.)

Cebu Rep. Edgardo Gullon noted that oil prices were down in bringing down prices but were too quick in raising them when world market prices go up.

"In fact, because of their sluggishness in rolling back pump prices, it is

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Romblon town unable to move on

By Kristine L. Alvar

SERUYAN ISLAND, ROMBLON—THE stalling of the RV Princess of the Stars has cast a pall over the coastal town of San Fernando that hasn't yet lifted four months after the tragedy.

The town of 22,000 is experiencing a kind of collective trauma. As long as the ship is mired in its third-attempt tow, the town's economy is in limbo—they would not be able to completely move on, San Fernando Mayor Nemesio Tanagong said.

ROMBLON/AGS

7 days to go: Obama leads McCain by 4 pts

WASHINGTON—DEMOCRAT BARACK Obama has a 4-point national lead over Republican John McCain as they head into the final week of the US presidential campaign, according to a Reuters/CNN/Opinion poll released on Tuesday.

Obama leads McCain by 49 percent

GMA exec in fertilizer scam brought to hospital



WHO'S BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE? Looks like an early Christmas for some members of the Philippine National Police. A police vehicle carries off a life-size statue of Santa Claus in Camp Crame on Tuesday.

'Euro general' asks SC: Stop Miriam, void arrest

By Don Z. Puzos and Terra Quinsac

THE THEN COMPTROLLER OF THE Philippine National Police who was found carrying an undeclared \$50,000 cache, inquisitive to PNP, asked the Supreme Court to void his arrest and to return his property.

McCain withdrew his support among white and male voters last Octo-

ber into the final round.

Elior de La Paz and his wife Marie filed a 39-page petition through lawyer Noel Malaya questioning the jurisdiction of Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago over the issue.

Santiago chairs the Senate foreign relations committee, which opened an inquiry on Oct. 22 and subsequently

By Tera Quinsac, Michael Lim-Ulan and Jerome Aring

JOCELYN "JOC-JOC" BOLANTE, looking sickly and haggard, arrived last night after two years in US detention straight into the custody of arresting Senate officers.

Bolante, a 40-year-old, was immediately whisked away to an ambulance after an eight-member team from the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms served the arrest warrant issued by the upper chamber in 2006 on the former agriculture undersecretary for making his bearings on an alleged P28-million fertilizer scam.

"Now that I'm back, I shall ensure that I will answer any and all accusations at the proper forum," Bolante said in a statement issued by his counsel, Antonio Zulueta, just before his plane touched down at 10:32 p.m.

"The first, I shall seek a medical checkup and treatment due mainly to the stress and physical stress and ailments brought about due to my detention in the United States."

P500M spent in hunt for Bravo, Kato

By Inquirer Mindanao

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—THE government has spent P500 million hunting for two Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) commanders, but only P70 million for 800,000 civilians forced from their homes because of the operation, at roughly P120 per person.

SRI, military personnel aren't anywhere near Arnedi Ombra Kato and Abdulk Musap, after Commander Bener.

These city MILF leaders have even rarely appeared on YouTube—a highly popular video-sharing website—or posed for newspaper photographers, in moves that seemed to mock the military initiative that began over two months ago.

PHOTO/AGS



BOLANTE: I will answer all accusations.

Bolante stressed that he had sought asylum in the United States for fear that "fierce frustration from years out to get me—either in prison or six feet under the ground."

The silver-haired Bolante was accompanied by seven US marshals and was immediately engaged by security units and reporters allowed to greet him at the Gate 30 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

According to media plans, Bolante was to be whisked off to the Senate,

JOC-JOC/AGS



COOLED President Arroyo, who makes a brief appearance before the Cabinet meeting in Malacañang, strings off the fast drive policy "jo-joc" Bolante's expected arrival on Tuesday night.

Markets rebound as investors hunt for bargains

Little sign of crisis in Russia's party scene

MOSCOW—RUSSIAN BUSINESSMEN PUT with much in play during, women crowd around jewelry displays, club owners sip champagne—Russia's party scene is showing little sign of a financial crisis.

"Moscow is not the kind of city where you feel a crisis," said Kira Kochub, a 30-year-old woman who is a 10th-century style gown inspired by French queen Marie Antoinette at Moscow's Black Sea



STYLING/AGS

TOKYO/LONDON—AGONY BATTERED stock markets rallied on Tuesday and pulled most European bourses higher, as investors hunted for bargain opportunities amidst worries about the ailing global economy.

As the US Federal Reserve prepared to further cut interest rates to calm skittish markets, however, the Bank of England warned that the global financial system could lose \$2.5 trillion in the next six months.

Governments have pledged to inject

\$4 trillion into banks and markets to contain the worst financial crisis in 80 years, which has caused stock markets to tumble in and around hundreds of thousands, battering a recession in much of the world.

After several days of steep declines, major stock markets in Asia edged a major rebound as investors stopped eyeing losses down India like Hong Kong and HONG KONG.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose a

MARKETS/AGS

WEATHER FORECAST

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Strongest condemnation yet by bishops

GMA corrupt, people are hungry, say CBCP head, 4 other prelates

No Direct Participation

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) has disputed the Arroyo administration's claim of economic progress and condemned corruption in government.

"Twenty million hungry Filipinos will disappear with the proclaimed 'random drug testing' program in 2010," with their own experience: "Random drug testing, random drug testing, random drug testing. It's a lie, it's a lie, it's a lie," said Archbishop Angel Lagdameo and priests.

"The benefits of the much-proclaimed economic growth are not felt by the masses," the OEP president said in a memo.

ment which he learned directly from three other linguists and most, unfortunately, still is. Linguists disagree on whether the

Asked by reporters later if he thought that President Managua-Salazar's was corrupt, Lagdameo substantiated with

Asked if the President deserved to be removed from power, he said "The answer should come from the people."

who are what's happening in our country.

Liguore told a press conference that the statement, which called for "immediate reforms," was the product of "communal disagreement" with Cardinal Bernardini, Bishop John Garofalo, Bishop Salvatore Villaggio and Legation Bishop Emeritus Antonio...

Social and mental capital

"In the past few years up to today, we have watched how corruption has become endemic, massive, systemic and rampant in our politics. Corruption is a social and moral cancer," said Lagimodiere, who admitted that he was making

the argument as the epistemology of facts and not as the CDF president.

"In response to the global economic crisis and the political state of our country, the time to rebuild our country economically, socially, politically, and... has come," Lachman said.

New government

"The time to start radical reforms is now. The time for social regeneration is now. The time to conquer complacency, cynicism and apathy and to prove that we have not turned from our political commitments is now."

"The time to reject a new conservatism is now," he said.

Milroya argued that they

were not calling the mother more often.

"We are making this statement because we believe that it is our duty to be candid and

would be better proposed to have the legendary global risks. The problem of the Millennium is not population, the problem is corruption,' Villagrá said.

Endnote 1

"We are not social troublemakers, we are good troublemakers. We want no dissenters.... Here, the change that we want in government and society will really come from within us," he said.

Can hold its own. The

"stronger statement" that Loggins had made in his during his sentencing. The most straight language writer, he concludes as it could be."

The OGP has been divided over directly challenging the dozens of alleged acts of corruption.

In February at the height of the scandal over the aborted \$120-million National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp., the CNCF called a special plenary meeting but did not ask for the President's resignation.

The CPCP instead "strongly condemned the culture of corruption from the top to the bottom of our social and political order."



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UN SECRETARY GENERAL Ban Ki-moon greets the first arrivals in Manila for the summit.

AP/WIDEWORLD

UN's Ban arrives for conference

UN SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON flew into Manila yesterday evening to an official welcome from Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and Labor Secretary Montano-Deza.

Ban, who was accompanied by his wife Yoon-hee and UN chief undersecretaries for the ongoing 2009 Global Forum on Migration and Development.

Ban, 64, was elected the UN's eighth secretary-general in 2006 and took office at the beginning of 2007.

In a general, Ban heads the UN Secretariat, one of the principal organs of the world body. His title also as the UN coordinator and de facto leader.

There are already at the UN-funded conference is aimed at formulating coherent policies for the protection of migrant workers and understand the UN's impact the migration could mean for the future of local and global economies and climate change.

Old society groups international the conference first called on governments to take action to end people with 600 countries and other international organizations on migration and migrant rights.

In his speech before the GPMW the secretary, Ban Ki-moon, president of the 67th session of the United Nations Conference, said that would influence his under Secretary-General to give migrant workers their legal rights and secure themselves.

Another speaker at yesterday's session, Gov. Tilden Mapa, chief of the 14th session of the Maritime Management Association of Japan, said the future of Filipino seafarers was still bright as Japanese ship companies and owners protect them even if they

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Pampanga home yields endangered animals

By Nicki Olsen

Wildlife Bureau (WWB) after they were rescued by authorities. That's not who reportedly kept them as pets in his home.

Turtles (for the animals) should be registered under the DNR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources).

A person cannot keep them without proper, legal documents." Dr. Marilyn Lim, FWSB director, told the Inquirer at the Bureau's Wildlife and Reptile Center in Quanao City where the animals were brought on Monday.

Like said this was the first

Normally, illegally landed animals are turned over to us," Lin said. "We're not sure yet if the cubs were keeping them for his own pleasure."

Agreed with a rough statement

cannot have the just answer if he is found guilty of violating the Wildlife Conservation Act.

Among the thousand species raised from the home were 11 *Shibubus* pigures, 20 white-breasted and eagles, an Oriental small-chested one, Philippine brown cat, Philippine hard eagle.

Lin explained that threatened species were classified as vulnerable, endangered and

Some of the animals had wounds on their bodies and the birds had damaged tail and wing feathers. A few were found to

linked this has not consistently been established.

"Some of them are tame which means they had been [in captivity] for quite some time,"

One said the animals would be quarantined and tested to see if they were healthy enough to be released to the wild.

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Correction

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

1st Reading: *Matthew 13:1-17*
 18-23:2-9

Jesus went through towns and villages teaching and making him-
 self at home. Someone asked him, "Lord, is it true that you pre-
 ach in parables?"

He answered, "Indeed but it is true by the law of Moses, for
 I say to you, I will tell you and you will not understand. Who then
 the master of the house has to go outside and buy the things you will understand.
 But you will not understand what is said to you, for you do not have the
 heart to see or to hear. I do not blame you because you do not see."

"Then you will tell me," he said, "think with you and you taught us
 so clearly that he will surely." "I don't know about you, but you know
 the heart."

"You will never see and you will never understand," he answered. "It
 is not all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves
 appreciate it when you sit in the kingdom of God, but people re-
 fuse to see and hear. I do not blame you because you do not see the
 heart, but you do not see, because whoever does not believe, he will not
 see."

So let's face it: you're behind! This haunting message should motivate us to make our priorities in life align with God's plan for our salvation. In other words, our time and energy on activities that are of no great importance or that are purely sinful, thus, are lost time.

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Joc-joc Bolante arrested at airport

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where he was to spend the night. However, Senante wanted to go to a hospital for a medical checkup to an apparent health check of Bolante.

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WHAT WENT BEFORE

P728-million fertilizer scam

IN 2003, SENATE SENATOR JOSE BOLANTE, then an employee of the Department of Agriculture's fertilizer distribution in Cebu, was arrested for a graft complaint against Agriculture Secretary Arroyo. Bolante was charged with "undue influence" in connection with alleged irregularities in a P432-million fertilizer deal.

Bolante said the fertilizer was purchased and processed through a negotiable instrument instead of a public bidding.

Two months before the May 2004 presidential election, Sen. Danilo Llanera, a presidential candidate, accused President Arroyo of "undue influence" in connection with the fertilizer deal.

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The Philippine Congress, in 1968, enacted R.A. 9506 later superseded by P.D. 289, as amended by P.D. 1645, declaring as a national policy objective, the total electrification of the country. These noble laws paved the way for the organization and development of rural Electric Cooperatives (ECs) that served as instruments to achieve this goal otherwise majority of our countrymen in the rural areas would still be groping in darkness.

After 40 years, the 120 non-stock, non-profit ECs have energized about 8 million households and serving roughly 44 million Filipinos, mostly in the rural areas.

The proposed legislations, House Bill No. 4312 and Senate Bill No. 2284, that seek to amend R.A. 9506, otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of the Philippines ~~are~~ not only inimical to the interests of the electric consumers, but will contribute to the demise of the RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

We, the OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA), the national association of the 120 electric cooperatives throughout the country, the National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (NAGMEC) and the Association of Mindanao Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AMRECO) ~~WERE NOT PROPERLY CONSULTED AND HEARD.~~

We submit that there are certain provisions that would denigrate the basic democratic rights of our member-consumers and manipulate the conversion of the ECs from being non-stock, non-profit into stock cooperatives. ~~WE BELIEVE THAT THESE WILL ULTIMATELY PAVE THE WAY FOR THE TAKE-OVER OF ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BY CERTAIN SECTORS WITH VESTED INTERESTS.~~

HOW WILL THESE PROPOSED LEGISLATIONS DO IT?

1) COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

Under the proposed legislations, if the ECs fail to register with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) after three (3) years, effectively, their existence as a cooperative will be declared illegal because they will be prohibited from using the word "Cooperative" in their names.

This is not only an "ex post facto law" but will, more importantly, violate the right of electric consumers to form associations, not contrary to law, morals and public policy. The ECs have been organized and in existence long before the enactment of the Cooperative Code and the CDA Charter.

OUR POSITION: The proposed legislations must recognize the ECs' rights to decide whether or not to remain as non-stock and non-profit electric cooperatives and to register as such, with the same rights and privileges given to and enjoyed by other cooperatives.

2) LEGISLATED CONVERSION

Under the proposed legislations, a typical EC, with an estimated total assets of Php200-million and with an average consumer-members of 50,000 may be converted into a stock cooperative in a general assembly attended by 100 members only.

Since the assets of the ECs are privately-owned, any proposed conversion (from non-stock to stock) must be decided by at least a majority vote of the entire membership with right to vote.

We respectfully submit that converting the ECs from non-stock, non-profit to stock cooperatives by legislative fiat violates:

- a) the cooperative principle of self-determination and the right to private property as guaranteed by the 1987 Philippine Constitution;
- b) the cooperative principle of democratic control, since a very small minority (about 100 member-consumers, out of an average of 50,000 member-consumers per cooperative), could decide on the issue of conversion; and
- c) the cooperative principle that donated capital (such as combined loans, subsidies and grants) cannot be divided or distributed as share capital.

To entice their registration with the CDA, the proposed amendments will allow ECs to "REGISTER WITH THE CDA NOW AND CONVERT AS STOCK COOPERATIVES LATER". This is illegal because the CDA law does not recognize non-stock cooperatives.

OUR POSITION: Since conversion is a fundamental action that involves amendments to the ECs' Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, it must be decided by at least a majority of the members entitled to vote in a general assembly duly called for that purpose.

3) ABSENCE OF A STRONG SUPERVISORY AGENCY.

Under the proposed legislations, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) may continue granting loans to the ECs ~~BUT WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE AUTHORITY~~ to monitor the proper management of the loans granted, not the efficiency of the ECs.

For forty (40) years, the ECs, under the NEA supervision, have been the lead implementers of the vital infrastructure program of the government providing basic inputs to its economy. So far, they have energized all 79 provinces, 88 Cities, 1,384 Municipalities, 34,871 Barangays and 68,505 Bales and Puntos.

The average loans that NEA grants yearly to the ECs is about Php1.2 Billion.

OUR POSITION: Without a strong supervisory agency with the necessary expertise and track record, we believe that the government programs being implemented through the ECs which are infused with public interest will most probably fail. Their assets will dissipate, and the ECs will go bankrupt.

We seriously doubt if the present consultation and resolution powers of the CDA is sufficient to maintain order inside the ECs, which, in the meantime are obliged to deliver uninterrupted vital services to the public - **DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY.**

4) IMPACT ON RATES.

Because the ECs as contemplated under P.D. 289, as amended are non-profit, their rate structure is revenue neutral, meaning, the rate is just enough to recover the costs incurred in their operations. Any incidental income is plowed back to improve further their services and/or expand their respective coverage areas.

If converted as stock cooperatives, the rate structure will have to be revised to provide for Return on Investment (ROI) of 8% to 12%, which will effectively result ~~just~~ increase in the power rates, estimated at the average of ~~Php2.35/kWh~~.

We, therefore, most **RESPECTFULLY APPEAL** to the Honorable Members of the Bicameral Conference Committee, as well as the entire membership of both Chambers of Congress:

- 1) To recommit the proposed bills for further consultation with the representatives of the 120 ECs operating nationwide; or,
- 2) **IN THE ALTERNATIVE**, the deletion of all amendments in the bills pertaining to electric cooperatives.

Signed this 18th day of October 2008 at Quezon City, Philippines.


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'China investment a good thing'

By T. B. Brown

THINK AND FINANCIAL OFFICIALS recently held their joint forum for businessmen abroad about the steep drop in the stock market the other day. China's biggest investor did not have expressed interest in investing in the country, according to T. B. Brown.

He said the third quarter of the first half of the Chinese market had called on President Ma英九 and said that his stock's value is not in the country.

"That clearly is a vote of confidence," said Ma, adding that the bank was there to support the stock market. He said the stock market was not in the country.

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THE GOVERNMENT is tapping P4.5 billion in value-added tax (VAT) revenues to finance intervention programs that would reduce the impact of the global financial crisis on the poor and vulnerable.

President Maun-rogil Arroyo and his Cabinet agreed on this yesterday morning in a meeting on a raft of welfare and emergency livelihood programs.

Press Secretary Juan Teodoro said the measure would be distributed among various emergency programs, including those for families displaced by the conflict in Mindanao.

A bulk of the amount—P2 billion—would be allocated to the government's PHEED program, which aims to increase food production.

PHEED funds for Foodbank, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, livestock and silviculture, loans and insurance, (rural) and other government facilities, and funds, the six main areas of the food production chain.

Some P500 million would go to the

"Tourism still a draw"

DESPITE THE global financial crisis, travel and tourism in the country continued growing, according to a Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) official.

Success for the five-year records of the year closed by all tourism grew by six percent, PTA Chairman Bonifacio "Boni" Bagumbay said tourism officials attending a three-day workshop conducted by the Asian Cooperation and Development Authority (ADCA) recently at the Clark Freeport Zone.

Bagumbay represented PTA General Manager Mark Lapid as guest speaker at the workshop.

South Korea made up the largest share of the country's top foreign markets, Bagumbay explained. The biggest growth drivers are arrivals, Bagumbay said.

According to Bagumbay, the biggest challenge confronting Philippine tourism is the income coming in from tourists is not as high as it was a few years ago.

"We still have a long way to go to get to the point that it is enough value to the country as a tourist destination and, despite all these challenges, we are able to grow it double compared to last year," Bagumbay said.

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supplemental funding program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and another P500 million for the early recovery fund to conflict areas in Mindanao.

Bagumbay said he will be elected for the "Emerald Bayonet" program that gives a P500 subsidy to households consuming less than 100 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month.

Bagumbay said P500 million would be allocated to the Department of Trade and Industry's industry competitiveness fund for the export industry.

The remaining P500 million will go to the construction of school buildings.

"We have looked at we can focus on the vulnerable sectors of industry," Bagumbay said. — J. Reyes



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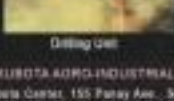
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New on its 19th year, Safeguard and PAMET have awarded over 150 scholarships — with scholars graduating with top honors and placing among the Top 10 in the 2005 Medical Technology Licensure Exam. Despite difficult economic times and the rising cost of education, Safeguard and PAMET remain committed to nurturing the country's future MedTechs.

And after a rigorous selection process, the 2008 *Handog ng Safeguard MedTech ng Kinabukasan Scholarship Program* presents fifteen new scholars. They are some of the brightest and most promising Medical Technology students who have shown dedication to improve medical care in the country. The new batch of scholars will be recognized and formally receive their scholarships on October 20, 2008 at

The Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati.

The scholars are: Taylor Ashley Abille, Praline Solah Dagar, Cyrillic Marie Trinidad Eschke, Giorgio Andre Escalderon, Paul Arvin

Gomez, Katerine Lia Mui Hipolito, Marlene Imperial, Miya Yvonne Miral, Michelle Paharia, Marvic Pasa, Margot Papan, Jennifer Ashley Reyes, Diana Louise Rodis, Remante Santos, and Arlene Weaver.

The *Handog ng Safeguard MedTech ng Kinabukasan Scholarship Program* reflects the long-term commitment of Safeguard and PAMET to continuously invest in a brighter future for the Filipino nation through the

promotion of good health and hygiene. Safeguard and PAMET congratulate these young men and women who enrich healthcare families and communities, and lead the way to make this vision a reality.

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Safeguard and PAMET accept responsibility for these 15 scholars.



Sa patuloy na pagtanggali sa Filipino health, Safeguard and PAMET award 15 deserving students sa *Handog ng Safeguard MedTech ng Kinabukasan Scholarship Program*.



Since 1989, Safeguard and PAMET have been steadfast in their commitment to support the education of the country's most outstanding and deserving Medical Technology students.



The World

Editor Lawrence B. Brown

US singer's nephew, 7, found dead

CHICAGO—A 7-year-old nephew of a slain rapper was found dead in the back of a sport utility vehicle, ending a four-day search that began after the drowning deaths of two children and brother three days earlier.

The singer and his nephew were among seven family members and their friends identified and laid to rest in Chicago's Jackson Park cemetery.

Chicago police spokesman Mark Jones said the boy, the 16-year-old brother and uncle had been shot. The incident occurred after they planned a family reunion.

Chicago Police Sgt. Andy Wynn said a notice remained unclear on Monday but added, "It wasn't a case of a teenager's homicide."

Police later characterized the slayings as "domestic-related" and authorities have been questioning the boys' arranged apartment, where they were found, as a possible crime scene. The case has been changed to the slaying.

Julian's body was found on Monday morning in the rear of a white SUV, which is parked in a neighborhood about 10 kilometers from the home he shared with the other victims.

Police had ordered \$200,000 on Monday for the victim's family to be taken to the home of his nephew, the son of the slain rapper, said police.

"This is a very tragic time for us and for the family," said police.



'Hanging Palin' causes Halloween display uproar

LOS ANGELES—A Halloween display showing a life-size sculpture hanging a life-size sculpture of Alaska Gov. Palin from a gallows has caused an uproar.

The display, which is a life-size sculpture of Palin hanging from a gallows, is a parody of the execution of the British royal, King Charles I, who was executed in 1649. The display is a parody of the execution of the British royal, King Charles I, who was executed in 1649.

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Slay plot targeting Obama disrupted

Lawmen arrest 2 neo-Nazi skinheads; candidate gets Secret Service security

WASHINGTON—TWO WHITE SUPREMACISTS allegedly plotted to go on a national killing spree, slaying and kidnapping black people and ultimately targeting Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, federal authorities said on Monday.

In all, the two neo-Nazi skinheads planned to kill 60 people—4 by following, according to documents reviewed by federal law enforcement. The two men, 30 and 34, were arrested in the white supremacist community.

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off on two separate occasions, but were not immediately released.

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WORLD BRIEFS

1 held in school shooting

CHICAGO—A 17-year-old student was held in custody in connection with a suspected shooting at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The student was held in custody in connection with a suspected shooting at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

28 dead in US drone attack

BAHRAIN—A US drone attack in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) killed 28 people, including two US soldiers, US officials said on Monday.

Human rights online

NEW YORK—Leading human rights groups, including Human Rights Watch, are urging the US government to release information about the deaths of 28 people in a drone attack in Pakistan.

Kim Jong-il in hospital?

SEOUL—South Korean leader Kim Jong-il was hospitalized for a heart condition, according to reports from the North Korean government.

Analysis: Syria border raid suggests new US stance

WASHINGTON—A US raid on a Syrian border town, which the US says is a precursor to a full-scale invasion, suggests a new US stance on Syria.

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SYRIAN villagers cheer after US troops in their gift for the victims of the Syrian border raid.

Alaskans turning vs their own senator guilty of corruption

ANCHORAGE—Alaskans are turning against their own senator, who has been accused of corruption and has been indicted on federal charges.

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Kidnappers kill 5 Chinese oil workers

HONGKONG—THE KIDNAPERS OF FIVE CHINESE oil workers killed five of them in a shooting in the oil fields of the Middle East.

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Chan settles for silver in compound shootout

By George Lloren, Contributor

LONG TERM: Filipino standout Jonathan Chan fell behind by two against Myanmar's Aung Myeathazan after just three arrows and could not fall into the deficit the rest of the way to settle for silver in the women's compound event of the 3rd Asian Archery Grand Prix tournament at the Alameda sports field.

Myeathazan won 50-59.9 in her final three shots while Chan could only manage a 9-10-9 in fall behind, 28-27. Myeathazan simply matched Chan shot-for-shot the rest of the way to secure the gold medal, 110-114.

Chan's Leticia Chan made it a double delight of sorts for the 20-year-old, beating out Mikal Tagalog, 111-106, in the bronze medal match.

Chan gave the country a second silver medal in the competition that drew participants from 17 countries. Earl Benguet placed second in the men's compound event on Saturday.

"I had a bad start," said Chan. "Obviously being knocked early negatively hit my shots using legs. Myeathazan [eventual seventh] up hit the difference but I couldn't win."



SHOOTER Chan (right) battles Myanmar's Aung Myeathazan for gold medal in compound.

Will it be as a rebound as first as participants who shot an 11-10-10 in the final on Saturday with the silver?

Chan had only a day to prepare for the tournament as she landed the last week.

The 41-year-old Chan, who missed the qualifying rounds Sunday with a 10-10-10 to Myeathazan, shot seven today in the final. Tagalog and Leticia Chan, who finished the program

Amara Pao, in trying to defend the women's 10-10-10 in the women's compound event.

"We're not as strong as we were last time because we have more to do in the team (Chan's), but she's also good," Chan said.

In the next round, Chan made a 1-10-10 in the final. Tagalog scored 11-10-10 to win the gold and Myeathazan who had 10-10-10. Chan's Agatha Sabido won the bronze.

UST volleybelles, booters gain last 4

By Caid P. Nolasco

MANAGATTA CITY—University of Santo Tomas volleyball team for men sides after winning the final in women's volleyball and men's basketball, even as Ateneo and Manila Aguilado College are up for a potential championship.

The UST volleyball team is the 2010 Philippine National University Games champion.

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2 RP pugs bow out of medal hunt

By Dennis L. Reyes
Dagupan City

DAWAGAN CITY, PHILIPPINES—Two Filipino pugilists bowed out of the medal hunt in the men's flyweight (52 kg) and bantamweight (55 kg) bouts of the 14th Asian Boxing Championships in the Luzon Sports Complex here.

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SPORTSWATCH

'Rainmaker' semifinal kick-off today at 5JC

THE SEMIFINAL ROUND OF THE 19th ANNUAL GAMBLING & CASINO (G&C) TOURNAMENT will be held today at 5JC. The tournament is the 14th annual tournament held at the 5JC. The tournament is the 14th annual tournament held at the 5JC.

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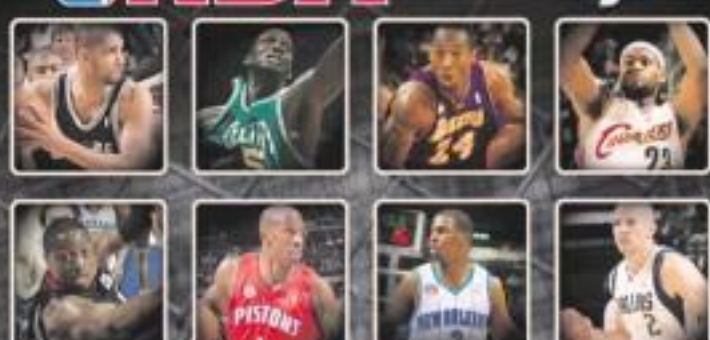
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Subsidies to state firms hit P10.75B in first 9 months

By Michelle Y. Borne

THE GOVERNMENT spent P10.75 billion from January to September this year to subsidize state-owned companies, lowering the originally programmed P7.31 billion, according to the Department of Finance (DOF).

On a year-on-year basis, however, the nine-month spending for subsidies was 51 percent lower than the P10.33 billion in the same period a year ago.

Finance officials said the original budget to subsidize government-owned and -controlled corporations was increased because of the need to pump-prime the economy given the global downturn.

The P7.31 billion discretionary subsidy bill, however, was another sign of easing a balanced budget this year, Finance officials said. The economic recovery recently agreed to postpone the goal to 2010, saying the economy needed higher-than-programmed public spending to keep the

economy afloat.

Domestic investments are also supporting the government to post a fiscal

surplus budget deficit of P75 billion this year and next billion in 2009.

Additional public

spending is partly covered through international borrowing to implement their own develop-

mental programs. Finance officials also noted that the bigger reorg-

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A HUGED speedometer is flanked by a tachometer on the left and a glassed gauge, all ringed in leather trim.



WHETHER you prefer the 1.3 (right) or the 1.5-liter engine, the new Jazz is a real dynamo that truly makes a huge impression.

New Jazz makes a giant impression

Text and photos by Charles E. Johnson

SINCE ITS LAUNCH in 2001, more than 2 million Honda Jazz units were sold all over the world.

This entry-level hatchback delivered much more than the image of small cars in cramped, claustrophobic interiors.

In contrast, the Jazz was roomy, powered more garbly, looked and was sporty.

Now, four years after it was first introduced here in the Philippines, a second generation Jazz steps in this year.

It retains Honda's mission of "engine adding 5 cm to silhouette and 10 cm to overall length, the new Jazz is still barely 4 meters long.

Despite a slight increase in size, the new Jazz only weighs about 10 kilos more and even with an increase in power it is expected to deliver better fuel economy, which is already an impressive achievement for Honda.

This writer was included in the group who drove the latest Jazz to some of the famous land-

marks near Laguna City and up to Pampanga's Visayas in Pangasinan, Ilocos Norte, as part of Honda Car Philippines' first ride in the North Islands.

The event allowed the participants to see the new Jazz's lively personality, driving through Ilocos Norte's historic districts and along the winding roads going in the northernmost point of the province.

Throughout the ride, the Jazz is tall, with abundant headroom for front and rear passengers, and a surprising amount of legroom for rear passengers.

The writer was impressed with the new Jazz's successful stability and spacious feel inside since the driver was sitting high up and seems like a much more favorably raised windshield than's located 12 cm further forward.

Given the triangular windows in the front pillars are now wider and definitely improved side visibility.

Hard time watching

From its tight construction and smooth power tests to its superior fuel economy, the new Jazz is a quality ride that meets



THE FIRST thing you'll notice when you step into the all-new Jazz is the wide-open, panoramic view in front.

and would have a hard time watching.

The new Jazz now has a 6-shaped badge in the hood, two-eyed, single headlights and a more aggressive upper grille.

The top of the line Jazz, a 1.5-liter 116-horsepower model sports a 16-inch alloy wheels, a front brace with larger air intake, chrome exhaust tip, side and tailgate garnish.

The new Jazz's thorough safety checklist includes 2-Point Control Technology, side-impact beams and dual air bags.

The 6-Point Control Technology, by the way, refers to the Jazz's structural design that has

its injury to the occupants in the event of a collision.

Because of this technology, the Jazz's body frame is better in collision with larger vehicles while it's more resistant to injury to pedestrians.

Space

The first generation Jazz was widely acclaimed for its generous interior space helping the car's sales for generations.

The new line continues that message with Honda's so-called Ultra seats that give the line the Jazz in a smooth one-hand operation, with no need to remove the headrest.

The last four inches particularly fit, with four in every inch, creating a head-loading 1,614 liters of storage (with all seats occupied), the back alone already has 384 liters of space.

By the way, aside from these generous seat configurations that you could do better, there are also 10 cup holders inside the new Jazz (just don't ask why this car has this many).

Largest strides

The new Jazz's made a big impression during the trip, winning numerous medals, including 10 medals, thanks to its much-improved engine performance—achieved by the 1.5-liter or the 1.3-liter engine—the car delivered both acceleration, revs to eight- and nine-thousand rpm.

The 1.5-liter engine delivers 116 horsepower, up by about 10 hp from the first generation while the 1.3-liter delivers 90 hp, more than 17 hp improvement from the previous line.

Both engines are 1600 cc, four-cylinder, by the way (meaning, it has better emissions rating than a lot of cars here in the Philippines), as there's less gas going into the machine.

The Jazz's Raptur model, the 1.3-liter, 3-speed automatic adds a pair of paddle shifters while the transmission adds a sport setting that lets it hold gears right up to the red line for a more exhilarating drive.

One of the most noticeable and beneficial changes for the driver and passengers is the new position of the center console, which makes it more accessible with more room given.

This improvement seems largely from a different chassis and revised rear springs.

The Jazz is probably the best car in its class, particularly when measured in terms of performance and handling as well as interior packaging and versatility.

Indeed, there is a lot to like about the new Jazz. Despite its relatively high price (price tag—P797,000 for the 1.5-liter automatic model, P747,000 for the 1.3-liter automatic model and P737,000 for the manual model)—expect the new Jazz to be a best seller especially for Filipinos can begin looking for perfect candidates for the work commute or to a family work and play.

Formula One for the first time

ON THE ROAD
John Serrano-Manuel

FORMULA ONE IS ONE OF THE world's richest and most successful sports. It's the most watched professional sport: It's the Olympic Games and World Cup soccer leagues combined in a first-

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contributed to make Formula One a truly unique experience.

Excitement

The F1 drivers themselves contribute to the excitement, leaving guard global celebrity with their lives on the track. It gets even better when national TV rights between races of the top five drivers. Before the 2006 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix in Shanghai Oct. 17-19, two-time F1 world champion Fernando Alonso (Spain) reportedly vowed to do his best to prevent Lewis Hamilton, the leading contender for the 2006 F1 driver's title, from winning.

The lead between Hamilton and Alonso began last year when they were together in the McLaren Mercedes team, Alonso as the defending champion, newly welcomed from Renault and Hamilton as a rookie who went on to capture him with a streak of victories. When it appeared that the team's management would lead to the departure of Alonso's career, the Spanish quit at the end of

the season and rejoined the Formula team.

Flashes

As things moved on in Shanghai, Hamilton moved to victory, making a Formula team from pole position and leading all the time he was on the track. Alonso only placed fourth. But since Hamilton's driver (and, Ferrari's Felipe Massa, finished second, the 21-year-old British driver of McLaren Mercedes did not climb the list. The Chinese Grand Prix, meanwhile, is a race, not the stage for a final showdown between Hamilton and Alonso in the last F1 race ever shown in Brazil, Monza's home turf.

Knowing that he was Brazil would be the end of the F1 50th anniversary, I decided last March to go to Shanghai for my first Formula One race. Through the Automobile Association Philippines, I obtained VIP tickets for my traveling companions and myself from the International Automobile

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IN THE LARSA, you can get lost in another world, reading a book and sipping lemonade. An interesting wood house is all it takes—and the designers know.

By Cheryl Garcia
Contributor
Photos by Pat Mabin

AT THE END OF A STRESSFUL day, we return to a sanctuary—our home. This need is driving many to settling down outside the city, in the north or south of Metro Manila.

One such sanctuary home is Larisa in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, where many city dwellers have decided to settle down.

We visited the home of two sisters one sunny Friday morning, taking the road to Alibon. It felt like being in another world.

Their house has serene flooring, with ambient music playing in the background, a light breeze drifting in from the lawn, and the smell of freshly brewed coffee wafting from the kitchen.

Undisturbed

Working with architect and interior designer Florio, the sisters, who prefer to remain unnamed to keep her privacy intact, state that she wanted a simple, unadorned look.

The design heavily uses partitions, giving the homeowner the flexibility for a multipurpose space. Instead of opening curtains on an interior division or outdoor deck, they kept things simple and focused instead on good furniture that made a statement.

Unique pieces by designers like Mito Sison and Rosalinda Calogoso help define the home's Asian Modern aesthetic, which is the focus is not about music pieces but on her philosophy of simplicity.

Minimalistic rooms add to the Zen-like atmosphere. The level is flat, down that corner has not taken a look across design.

Another advantage to this open layout is that the house felt a lot more than its

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SIMPLICITY, not only minimalist, is what the sisters want to convey. Room is not cluttered at the open space.



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TOURIST LURED: By Kenneth Colegrove, owner of a local gym and storage space, his hand-carved floorboards create the appearance of a wooden walk, each groove meticulously painted by hand.

Peacekeeping
300 square meters. A three-level house, with the service area below the living area and the bedrooms above, the owner paid attention to the movement within the house.

"I feel like I'm on vacation when I come home," she says, adding that the design is a perfect family environment, suitable to clean air, wide open space, and the peace and quiet of life away from the bustling city. "It only takes an 10 minutes to get to work."

The owner and her sister's son also work in Beijing. They all agree that going home to this place is no problem because the advantages of living there outweigh whatever losses come from the continent.

The weekend, other family members stay over. They go to nearby Tanager for dinner and spend the rest of the weekend hanging around the house.

The owner says, "When I come home looking tired, I go through the front door and feel my energy coming back. The plants and the air tell my spirit."

With abundant care, a calm atmosphere and art and experience, the house, it follows.



CONTEMPORARY The dining table is complemented by the Andalusian chairs wrapped in striped leather.



A BOUTIQUE The dining table is complemented by the Andalusian chairs wrapped in striped leather.

Exhibit of earth-friendly designs

By Anne R. Jambore

"ARTS DESIGNER: ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS Research and Design in Manila," the graduation exhibit of the Integrated Class of 2009 of the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID), is currently held at the Atrium Building, Farnsworth City Hall, QC.

Young Filipino interior designers are leveling the call of Mother Nature by showcasing this exhibit featuring environmentally sustainable materials.

With the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Farnsworth City "ARTS" celebrates PSID 41st anniversary with 31



"HAPPY GARDEN" Paper mache was utilized to recreate mangrove that doubles as wine display rack.

environmentally design, from recycled junk to concrete on global warming, from waste recycling to the creative use of energy to home spaces.



"SHADE" INTERIOR—concrete, from waste for frames—these were used to make the ceiling that also is entrance canopy of the room.



"CLIMATE CHANGE" is a global concept that translates into a series of influences on contemporary design and current trends, and PSID First, for example.

From an sustainable design by WWF have been cultural since the start of the month. On Oct. 23, 2009, 2009 Annual Assembly of the United Nations, at the Philippine House and founding chair of the United Nations of the Philippines, conducted a lecture on "Green Architecture and Energy Efficiency."

Quality carbon footprinting activities by the WWF Philippines is also being conducted to reduce emissions on the impact of climate change and global warming. WWF Philippines also

informs visitors on how they can start helping the environment in their own homes. A donor program booth has been opened in the exhibit area.

"Education is one of the best ways to promote sustainable development. In pursuing with PSID, we are not only reaching out to consumers, but also to the younger generation of designers who can affect change by promoting a more responsible design. Plants, in their essence," said David Labin, WWF Philippines President.



RECYCLED—old wood and stone in the floor with "Wood and Stone"

Culture amid nature

ANAL WESTGROVE recently held an open house of its Orchard Terrace, one of the last few remaining plots of Ayala Land community south of Manila.

The event coincided with "Nature and Modernity," a weekend event at Ayala Westgrove Heights open house, featuring a repertoire of Jamindarian and classical inspired by the Manila Water Symphony Orchestra under musical direc-

tor Chino Toledo. The three-day program brought the 18-19th century to life, showcasing the history of the area.

Ayala Westgrove Heights also has its own cooking club, an arts and crafts group and even had a recycling club.

Located in Tungkong, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, the community sits in a 400-hectare mangrove area. It is a first, showcasing the indigenous and modern species. It's also one of the few communities with a

regular mangrove-pick-up program.

While both of Ayala Westgrove Heights is dedicated to wild open spaces, the other half remains nature with infrastructure.

"I share the love of Ayala Westgrove Heights, which is a 400-hectare mangrove area," says (Clayton) Lightman, MRCO executive director and president of Ayala Westgrove



MRCO is a value-added real estate developer of Ayala Westgrove Heights.

Heights. "Over the years the vast growth of the community design would be a powerful theme that tells you you're home."

How to hang artwork on your wall

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO with empty walls? Fill them with paintings. Here are some tips to remember when hanging artwork on your wall.

When faced with a big wall, hang big art. One painting will definitely get noticed to your wall. Generally, however, behind the sofa, above a console table, in a test hallway or bathroom—can even serve as the perfect focal point.

Hang paintings in pairs—huddle each other or use one on top of the other. The odd couple will achieve balance and produce.

comes, or inside the bed, hang a grouping of three paintings vertically and in a wall together, year wall, impacting the vision of height. Similarly, hanging frames to one horizontal line will stand by brightens the wall.

Unexpected

Hanging frames of different sizes and shapes in a random but studied way allows the eye to take some different patterns and images. Mixing and matching art work in various lengths will give the wall that looking nice.

Do-it-yourself

Not Anna Barretto and Melissa Lopez



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Cleverly placed paintings lend character to any space

When it comes to whether the artwork should be the focal point of the space, or merely an accent. Before you hang anything—especially groups of paintings—lay them out on the floor first to see how the composition and spacing them as you see fit.

THE CONSUMER Linda H. Bickels

Welcome arrival

SUPPORT GENERAL MANAGER William Carl has finally made good on his promise that the efficient manual taxi service at the Manila International Airport will be available in the other air terminals. Although I have been waiting for it since last year, I am glad Carl has finally lived up to all the talk and made the plan operational.

I have not been through the old Ninoy Aquino International Airport or the new but already swelling airport Terminal 1 but at the Luggage and Travel desk in entrance to Philippine Air Lines the manual taxi service is off and running.

I used the service recently on my return from a hotel stay abroad and I must say I am pleased. It is more expensive than the regular taxi—P75 for baggage and P75 for every 100 meters—but still a lot cheaper than the expensive taxis that need to be the only option for international travelers unless you wanted to carry your bags to the airport and get a taxi to the airport. In each case of the airport, a departing passenger.

From the General Terminal, to my apartment in Makati my fare amounted to P127.38. I used to pay P400 for the same distance when I took the jeepney.

Domestic arrivals at the General Terminal will have a longer wait to the manual taxi stand but they will probably find the wait worth it.

People taking the manual taxi get a clear slip, a piece of paper indicating the taxi plate number as well as a number to call to use the customer service to make a complaint.

The taxi is clean and new and the driver looks new in his uniform. It is also convenient. For those who are not, the service is convenient as the taxi is not in the airport. I did not have to take a taxi to the airport and that means a glimpse of money that is placed in the floor behind the gate which is used as a taxi stand.

Conspicuously to general manager Carl, I am sure the service does not change or turn into another Singaporean situation.

William Carl, there are a lot of things that need to be done to make the service work. I am sure that the service will be a good one.

I was in a taxi when my return was planned to be the service. I am sure that the service will be a good one. I am sure that the service will be a good one.

Clarification

Reader John B. Capas of Sta. Cruz, Manila, wrote to know the truth about the incident of his favorite footballer, Cristiano Ronaldo by Alan Ford. He said while the local news of the incident was true, one of the agencies under the Department of Health, said an outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there. He said, when the outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there.

Generalized that the Philippines also imported the outbreak from China and confirmed that the outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there. He said, when the outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there.

He forwarded his query to the Department of Health, Manila, and got the following response: "Based on DOH/MSM Advisory No. 2009-009 dated 02 October 2009, the Secretary's order that was issued regarding the outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there. He said, when the outbreak was found in Manila, reports from South Korea said the same outbreak happened there."



Private sector helps Ballet Philippines

BALLET PHILIPPINES has just ignited a new beginning for the arts and culture scene. Marking its 20th season, it held a beautiful performance Oct. 20 at Cultural Center of the Philippines.

The event also saw the significant support of the private sector. In this case, Apollo Land Promains, Philippine Airlines, Globe, Cathay Pacific, BSN and First & SO (aka First).

Directed by Alan Hinshaw, the performance has stressed the value of performing tradition for future generations.

"We are very pleased that Apollo Land Promains is proudly promoting B-



Yoni Masad, head of sales and marketing, Apollo Land Promains; Iida Zabal-Estacio, Ballet Philippines trustee and resource committee chair; Max Lina B. art director; Juan Hernandez, president; and Alan Hinshaw, art director/COO.

allet officers and helping us give our artists the audience they truly deserve," says Juan Hernandez, Ballet Philippines director.

Apollo Land Promains has been supporting other arts activities.

Alia Talla Shalabi,

"Ballet Philippines represents the soul of the Filipino people through its dance. We are grateful to companies such as Apollo Land Promains for their full support for Ballet Philippines, our resident and premier Ballet Company of the CCP."



DR. LOI Syreco, office chair, Betty Calaguing, trustee with the resident Help Concept; Hernandez, Dr. Syreco, BSN and Juan Hernandez.

Grand party for two grande dames

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idea of Global Resources Inc. (GRCI), the franchise owner of CFC Philippines, with Larry S. Ray, its founder and co-CEO of California Plaza Station, together with his wife and his son Peter Gillette, joined from the United States in celebration day 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

"It was only a decade ago when we first



MARKET: Betty Ray, Dr. Hernandez, Mait UGARCIA and People Asia's Jessica Ray Ramirez.

ventured into the Philippines. Then, CFCI realized that many will appreciate the local service, the culture, so imagined as a California-style place," said Larry.

"CFCI's growing activities, including the opening of another branch at Galleria 3, promise to make place dining experience more satisfying, with the new Apollo Plaza," added David Gillette, creative director of Culture Marketing Communications Inc. (the food & beverage, and behind that, the Apollo Plaza is already a network. Check it out as your nearest CFCI and I know you'll be back for more.

Dedipedia for Nene Leonor

A mosaic of generosity and love of Creative Studio's top business, Betty Hernandez hosted "a goodbye and love" party for assistant Nene Leonor, held at Nene's home in the B. Forbes Park, during.

The celebration extended by close pals of the business, which included philanthropist and multi-asset member Linda Capangasin, Dr. Loi Hernandez and Dr. Brenda Bion, plus friends of our local community.

They were all on hand to bid Nene a happy and safe trip to the US for much-needed rest and relaxation, plus the party was also an occasion to celebrate some of Nene's success in the industry and what the future has in store for her.

"It shows that this, beauty and art, and what are great businesses," one of the girls said. And, of course, would you believe, which all the future plans of Nene, don't you just love them, plus.



RESTAURANT: In-house bottom-deck, Claudia Leonor and Nene Leonor.



THELMA: Gail and Mary Anne Amador Chen.

JUSTA: Tasha.



LOYALTY award: Dr. Loi Hernandez, Larry Ray and Peter Gillette present a certificate of loyalty to Gordon (Dr. B. Gillette, who has been with CFCI Philippines for 10 years.



PULL support: Betty Ray, Dr. Loi Hernandez, Larry Ray and Peter Gillette present a certificate of loyalty to Gordon (Dr. B. Gillette, who has been with CFCI Philippines for 10 years.

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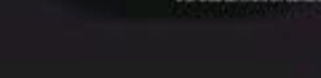
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LIFE STYLE Parenting

Costume queen

By Virginia Bago-Reyes
Photos by Roderic Rosales

FOR SOME REASON, Pap Castro gets a great deal of satisfaction from creating odd, spooky costumes. The writer and composer, the better.

Once, she dressed up her two daughters as The Jack and The Bride—like a black and white photo of a bride and groom. The bride's dress was a black and white one, the other in deep black cape with lace, a tall and a wide hat.

She has been making extra costumes for 16 years now. She can make black cats, cartoonish cats, wicked spiders—some a weird and wonderful creature, she can do it.

"I enjoy making costumes," says the 40-year-old woman. "I like creating outfits for people who want to stand out in costume parties."



A mother makes a career out of Halloween

PAP CASTRO will be today's columnist for readers

Hobby

Castro's unimpaired skill manifested while she was raising her two lovely daughters, Isabella, now 18, and Iza, 17. As a hobby, she'd make them pretty, spooky and out-of-the-ordinary clothes, by hand.

"I love making clothes for my girls. I kept a baby sewing kit from a baby store with the handbook," says Castro.

In time, she realized she was good at it. She started creating all kinds of costumes for her daughters.

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Kiddie Halloween fun at the mall



THIS HALLOWEEN, KIDS WILL HAVE Trick or Treat fun at IM Supremacy, as they go around in the masked costumes and pumpkin pails to collect treats and sweets from participating vendors on Oct. 31, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. and 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

The first costume at the IFA IFA Happy Halloween Grand Costume Party where kids can dress up like their favorite TV and movie characters and have a chance to win exciting prizes. A \$5,000 prize will be given to the winners in the following categories: Best Hero Costume, Best Villain Costume and Best Scary Costume.

Kids from 12 years old can join in the fun by just presenting a single costume to enjoy at IM Supremacy from Oct. 27-31, 2009. The Grand Costume Party will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Kids also get a chance to watch Carmen Horowitz show his movie prizes and enjoy the appearance of the New 10 mascot. The Spectacular show time will be on Oct. 31.



CAROLIS and **STROGERS** will receive their photos, awards and pumpkin treat bags from **Toy Kingdom**.

at the IM Majestic Event Center at 2 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Kids can join in the fun for a minimum of \$500 purchase at Toy Kingdom.

At the Halloween Knight and Kingline Party at the IMVU, IM City South-SEA, on Oct. 31, kids dressing in their favorite costumes can have a chance to win the prizes for a minimum of \$500 purchase. Fun activities will include Trick-or-Treat and a Grand Costume Party at the Event Center.



LIGHTED members will receive a creepy photo to home on Halloween.

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How parents, teachers can help kids cope with grief

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parental, "You, didn't you father pass away three years ago?" The girl got back down and was uncomfortable for hours.

Children who have lost a family member need to be reassured by teachers and friends that, one day, it will be possible to be happy again, and that there are others like them who have lost a parent.

Leading a parent during childhood loss reflects that sometimes could last a lifetime. The parents cannot, no matter how hard we try, shield our children from the painful loss.

But we can always choose to be there for them and give them safety and comfort, to help them navigate the road from a place of sadness to a place of hope.

Email the author at author@rockwell.com

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Halloween contest at Sta. Lucia

STA. LUCIA EAST GRAND MALL PRESENTS "It's Spooky Time," a special Halloween treat.

Watch kids perform at the Entertainment Center on Oct. 31. They get up close and personal with them as they sign autographs for the photos.

On Oct. 31, as part of the mall's "Halloween Party Invasion" grand trick-or-treat activity, kids 12 years old and below must register at the Customer Service Booth Phase 2 upon presentation of a valid ID or purchase of a pumpkin patch from the department store and Phase Toys. Those with pumpkins purchased the previous year must pay a registration fee of P50 per head. Only the first 100 kids to register will be accommodated. They will automatically get treats and join the costume contest.

For the contest, kids must come in one of the following costume themes: Pirates, Ghosts, Star Wars, Disney and Horror characters. The best costumes win prizes each and get a certificate.

Those who are 16 years old and above can join the "Pirates of Halloween Costume Contest" and get a chance to win P10,000 worth of prizes. Entry forms are available at the Customer Service Booth Phase 2. Submit any valid ID to qualify. Only 10 participants will be accommodated. Call 881-8441-45, loc. 100.

Intercon offers "Horror House"

INTERCON OFFERS "Horror House" in the heart of Manila's "It's Spooky Time" at the Ayala mall with open its doors to all Halloween lovers on Oct. 31, 3 p.m.-4 a.m.

Those who enter the house may be rewarded with pumpkins. Entrance fees P500 per child, aged eight years old and below and P900 per adult.

Guests visiting the hotel's "Weekend Getaways" room packages for 100 guests or less are entitled to have free tickets for kids aged eight years old and below. Call 755-0000, loc. 101 or 102.

Halloween at Taad

TAAD VISTA HOTEL HOLDS ITS HALLOWEEN party on Oct. 31. Halloween starts in the National Convention Center and goes back to the hotel. There will be games and prizes.

Registration is per person \$100. Ticket is \$1,000 per child, including a whole meal, access to the hotel's pool, the night show, games and drinks on opening and entrance to the Chamber of the Arts.

Single time starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

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